



Distance Riding New Zealand (DRNZ) Membership 2026/27

Leading the way in Distance Riding

Distance Riding New Zealand (DRNZ) is the national body for distance horse riding in New Zealand. While our sport is internationally known as endurance riding, we proudly use the term distance riding to reflect our inclusive culture and the way we support riders and horses at every stage of their journey.

DRNZ welcomes everyone from first-time riders entering Ride to Time classes to experienced Enduro combinations who compete nationally and internationally. We currently run events throughout the North Island, and DRNZ can operate nationwide. We have held successful events in both islands and remain open to hosting rides wherever suitable land and organisers are available.

One Organisation. One Community. One Standard.

Unlike many equestrian sports, DRNZ does not operate through clubs.

We are one unified national organisation, with:

- One membership
- One rulebook and Constitution
- One nationally governed event system
- Consistent safety, welfare, and fairness standards

Your DRNZ membership is recognised at every DRNZ event across New Zealand.

Our community includes new riders, families, supportive volunteers, veterinarians, landowners, and highly competitive riders with world-class horses. Every single person involved in DRNZ – riders, officials, organisers, and committee – is part of a **volunteer-driven** organisation. We are all working together to keep this sport thriving.

Why Join DRNZ?

Becoming a DRNZ member gives you:

- ✓ Access to all DRNZ-sanctioned events
- ✓ Eligibility to enter RTT 41km+ and all longer-distance classes (once eligible)
- ✓ Official kilometre tracking for both rider and horse
- ✓ Eligibility for seasonal and lifetime awards
- ✓ A clear progression pathway from intro to advanced distances
- ✓ Nationally consistent safety, welfare, and competition standards
- ✓ A welcoming, supportive riding community

Your membership also helps support the volunteers, vets, landowners, and organisers who make the sport possible.

Membership Options: 2026/27 Season

Membership Year: 1 August – 31 July

DRNZ is an Incorporated Society, not a charity, and operates as a not-for-profit organisation.

Membership Type	Price (inc GST)	Notes
Adult Member	\$70.00	<i>Full voting rights</i>
Youth Member (<i>Under 18 years of age at the start of the Membership Year (1 August).</i>)	\$50.00	<i>Non-voting rights</i>
Supporter Member (Non Rider)	\$20.00	<i>Full voting rights</i>
Life Member	No Fee	<i>By AGM Appointment</i>

A current financial membership is required for:

- RTT 41km+
- All Enduro classes
- Championship classes
- Rider kilometre accumulation
- DRNZ award eligibility

Horse Life Registration

Required for any horse entering:

- RTT 41km+
- All Enduro Classes
- Championship Classes

One-off lifetime registration fee: \$50 (inc GST)

This stays with the horse for life and ensures accurate identification and kilometre tracking.

DRNZ Event Calendar

DRNZ publishes a national seasonal event calendar each year showing all upcoming rides.

The calendar includes:

- Ride dates and locations
- RTT and Enduro events
- Championship rides
- Multi-day and special events

All DRNZ events operate under the same national rules, safety standards, and horse welfare requirements.

View the full DRNZ calendar at: www.distanceridingnewzealand.co.nz

Governance & Member Voice

DRNZ operates under a registered Constitution and Rules in line with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, ensuring transparency, fairness, and accountability.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Financial Members (excluding Youth Members) can:

- Attend the AGM

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- Vote on important decisions
- Elect the Committee
- Help shape the future of DRNZ

The Committee

DRNZ is governed by an elected volunteer Committee responsible for:

- National rules and event standards
- Safety and horse welfare oversight
- Event governance
- Membership processes
- Finances and compliance

Volunteering

DRNZ is completely volunteer-led. Every role – riders, officials, timekeepers, committee members, and organisers – is filled by volunteers.

While volunteering is not compulsory, every contribution helps, even if it's just an hour at an event. It's also one of the best ways to learn more about the sport.

Horse Welfare

Horse welfare is at the heart of distance riding. Riders and owners are responsible for ensuring their horse:

- Meets minimum age requirements
- Is appropriately conditioned
- Is presented cleanly for vetting
- Is managed safely throughout the ride

These responsibilities align with DRNZ's Constitution, Rules, and Horse Welfare policies.

Participation, Risk & Youth Riders

All riders participate in DRNZ events at their own risk. The decisions of the Event Supervisors and/or Veterinarians are final. Distance Riding New Zealand does not accept any liability or responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury to any person, horse, vehicle, or property.

Youth Riders:

Riders under 18 years of age must have parent or guardian consent to ride at any DRNZ event.

Member Conduct & Behaviour

All members are expected to act in a way that promotes the interests of DRNZ and does not bring the organisation into disrepute, in line with the DRNZ Constitution, Rules, and Codes of Conduct.

Disputes & Complaints

DRNZ follows a formal dispute resolution process under its Constitution and the Incorporated Societies Act 2022. This ensures all complaints and disputes are handled fairly, respectfully, and impartially.



Ready to Join Us?

Whether you're riding your first 5km, building toward endurance distances, or supporting from the sidelines, DRNZ would love to welcome you.

Join us and become part of an organisation truly leading the way in distance riding across New Zealand.

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